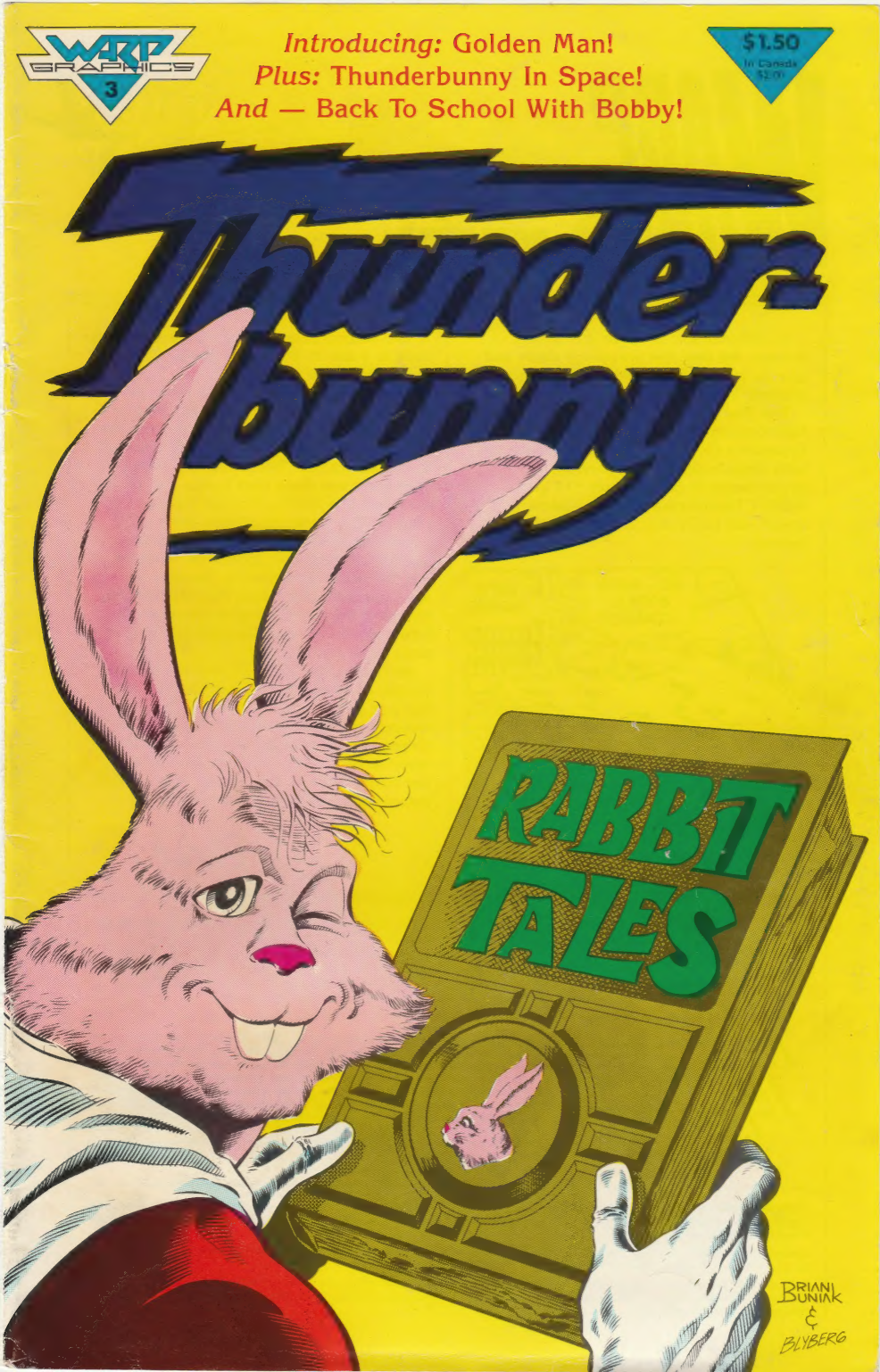
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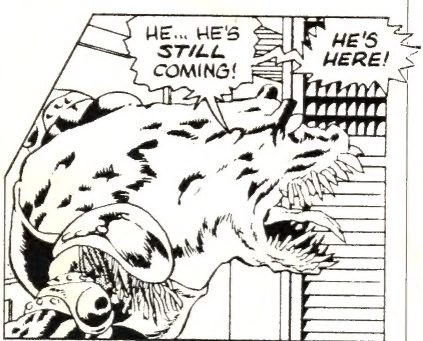
NOTES FROM THE PUBLISHER

A different sort of issue this time around. We take the anthology route and give to you a trio of tales that look past, present, and future — kind of.

The first story answers a question that has come up as a result of the Cottontail Crusader's (You think it's *easy* coming up with these nicknames?!) previous appearances in *Blue Ribbon* #13 and WaRP's ***Thunderbunny*** #1 — namely, where had Lu-Ta met Thunderbunny before?



A terrified Lu-Ta from Thunderbunny #2.

The second takes a ninety-degree turn to look at a day in the life of Bobby Caswell *sans* rabbit suit.

Finally, the third previews a character who has a major role in the next issue's story — *Golden Man*. Some of our readers might recall Golden Lad from back a'ways in comics history. Well, times do change. This story was done over a year ago to appear in the Archie Thunderbunny book — but we've got it here instead.

You might also want to take note of another character — somewhat reserved but definitely significant — making an appearance in this issue. This character is bound to leave a distinctive signature on future stories as well. Can you tell who or what we're referring to?

As I write this, issue #1 has been out a couple of weeks, and the artwork for #2 has just come in. It's still early, but response to WaRP's newest title is strong — and positive. In fact, many folks seem to be saying, "Thanks for bringing the bunny back — I've missed him." Most assuredly our pleasure! See you in 60!

Richard

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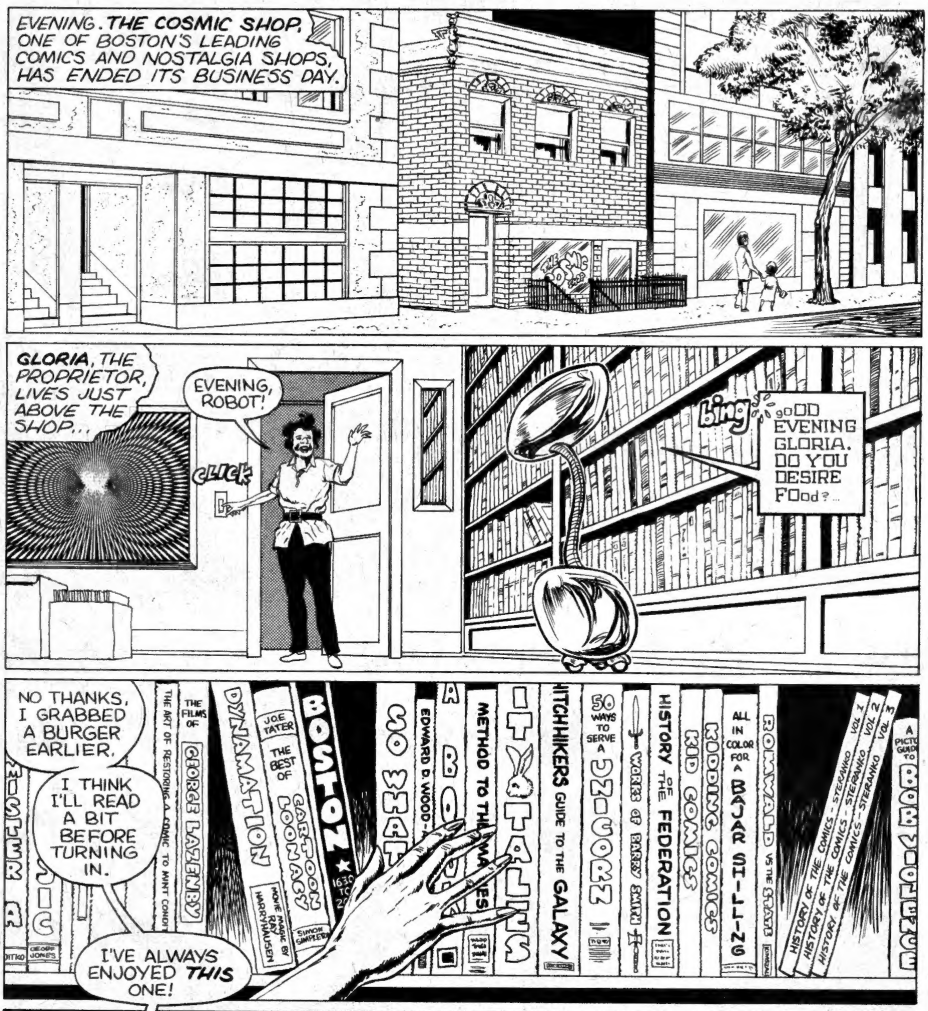
EVENING. THE COSMIC SHOP, ONE OF BOSTON'S LEADING COMICS AND NOSTALGIA SHOPS, HAS ENDED ITS BUSINESS DAY.
GLORIA, THE PROPRIETOR, LIVES JUST ABOVE THE SHOP...
EVENING, ROBOT!
CLICK
BING
GOOD EVENING GLORIA. DO YOU DESIRE FOOD?..
NO THANKS, I GRABBED A BURGER EARLIER.
I THINK I'LL READ A BIT BEFORE TURNING IN.
I'VE ALWAYS ENJOYED THIS ONE!
EVERY TIME I READ IT I LEARN SOMETHING NEW!
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FIRST ENCOUNTER

WHEN **LU-TA THE PROCURER** ATTEMPTED TO STEAL HUMAN BEINGS FROM BOSTON TO USE AS TRADE GOODS,* HE WAS STARTLED TO LEARN THAT THEY WERE PROTECTED BY **THUNDERBUNNY**...

ARCHIE BLUE RIBBON #13

IF YOU WERE TO ASK THUNDERBUNNY **WHY** LU-TA WAS SO SURPRISED, HE WOULD BE UNABLE TO ANSWER — FOR IT WAS NOT IN HIS ***PRESENT FORM*** THAT THUNDERBUNNY AND LU-TA FIRST MET!

BRING ME ***THE RECORD!***

WHY GO OVER IT AGAIN? IT'S ***DONE!*** THE REPAIR OF OUR SHIP SHOULD BE YOUR TOP PRIORITY...

LET US JUST SAY THAT I'M NOSTALGIC.

NOW GIVE ME THE RECORD!

AND WHILE I'M VIEWING THIS, ***YOU*** WILL FIND A PLANET IN THIS SYSTEM WITH THE TECHNOLOGY NEEDED TO **REPAIR *THE DAMAGE*** THAT INFERNAL RABBIT CAUSED!

Y-YES, LU-TA.

THWOMP

ONCE AGAIN I WILL VIEW THE RECORD OF WHAT I HAD HOPED TO BE MY ONLY MEETING WITH THUNDERBUNNY!
SHUNK
AH, THERE IT IS—THE PLANET OFFORRER. ITS INHABITANTS HAD SUCH LOVELY, VALUABLE PELTS!
"OUR SCANS DISCOVERED TREMENDOUS TECHNOLOGY -BUT LITTLE MILITARY APPLICATION! FOR THIS REASON I PERSONALLY LED THE TRADE NEGOTIATION TEAM!"
"MY INITIAL REQUESTS MET WITH INDIFFERENCE, BUT THEIR GOVERNORS, LED BY DOCTOR BAR-KO, AGREED TO LISTEN FURTHER."
"WE REPAIRED TO THEIR COUNCIL CHAMBER WHERE I MADE MY — APPEAL..."
LU-TA, YOU SAY YOU ARE A MERCHANT AND YOU WISH TO TRADE FOR A COMMODITY WE POSSESS.
WHAT IS THIS WARE AND WHAT HAVE YOU TO OFFER THAT THE BEINGS OF OFFORRER WOULD DESIRE?
MANY OF YOUR CITIZENS POSSESS AN ITEM I COULD TRAFFICK WITH EASE ON WORLDS BEYOND THIS SYSTEM—
A THING OF BEAUTY, CRAVED BY THOSE WHO DWELL ON PLANETS FAR FROM PARENT SUNS...

...YOUR PELT EXTREMITIES!
YOU ARE TALKING OF DISMEMBERMENT!
TRUE... BUT YOU HAVEN'T HEARD WHAT I'M OFFERING IN TRADE...
FOR A SKIN YOU CAN LIVE WITHOUT, I AM PREPARED TO OFFER SOMETHING MOST BEAUTIFUL, VALUABLE AND UNIQUE —
—BLUE ALGOL GEMS!
I KNOW THIS TRADE WILL TAKE TIME TO CONSIDER. LET ME LEAVE SOME OF MY GOODS SO YOU MAY SHOW THEM TO YOUR FELLOW BEINGS AND TELL THEM OF MY OFFER.
I SHALL RETURN IN TWO SOLAR CYCLES FOR YOUR ANSWER!
THEY— THEY'RE BEAUTIFUL!

"ABOARD MY SHUTTLE I LAUGHED, FOR I KNEW~WITHOUT A DOUBT~I HAD THEM!"
"THOSE HIGHLY INTELLIGENT' ANIMAL IDIOTS COULD NOT BE AWARE THAT THE BLUE ALGOL GEMS EXPOSED THEM TO LOW LEVEL RADIATION THAT ENHANCED THEIR BASIC, PRIMAL INSTINCTS!"
"THE GEMS WERE PLACED ON PUBLIC VIEW, ACCOMPANIED WITH A RECORDING OF MY TRADE OFFER. THE RADIATION WOULD BE ESPECIALLY POTENT ON THE NORMALLY INTELLECTUAL FOXES AND RACCOONS. THEY, ABOVE THE OTHERS, POSSESSED A BASIC GREED AND DESIRE TO PROCURE ITEMS OF VALUE."
"RETURNING TWO DAYS LATER, I COULD TELL THE GEMS HAD DONE THEIR WORK. EVEN DOCTOR BAR-KO HAD BEEN AFFECTED! HOWEVER HIS HIGHER INSTINCT TO PROTECT HAD BEEN THWARTED ~SO HE FACED ME INDIGNANTLY!"
HAROUGH! IT SEEMS I HAVE MISJUDGED MY FELLOWS! SOME ARE WILLING TO UNDERGO MUTILATION FOR YOUR GEMS. THE ACT MUST BE PERFORMED BY YOUR PEOPLE, THOUGH, FOR IT WOULD BE TOTALLY ABHORRENT TO US!

"WITHIN THE HOUR THE FIRST 'VOLUNTEERS' WERE BEING TRANSPORTED TO MY COMMAND SHIP. I HAD ACCOMPLISHED MY GOAL WITHOUT RESORTING TO MY VESSEL'S MIGHTY WEAPONRY!"
"EVEN THE RABBITS FELT THE STIRRINGS OF THE PRIMAL URGE, FOR THE COUNCIL RABBIT MADE HIS WAY TO THE SHIP—TO THE SEEMING OBJECTION OF DOCTOR BAR-KO.
"ONCE MY GOODS WERE ON BOARD, MY TECH TEAM WOULD BEGIN REMOVING THE TAILS WITH LASER SCALPELS. LATER, WHEN THE ANIMALS RETURNED TO THEIR HOMES, THE ALGOL GEMS THEY RECEIVED AS PAYMENT WOULD ENTICE MORE OF THE BEASTS TO GIVE UP THEIR PELTS ON MY NEXT VISIT!"

"THE ENTIRE SUPPLY OF GEMS WAS IN THE SAME ROOM WHERE THE SURGERY WAS TO TAKE PLACE—MY CREW AND I HAD LONG AGO BEEN IMMUNIZED TO THE GEMS' RADIATION!"
"THE ANIMALS, OF COURSE, HAD NO SUCH PROTECTION. THE GEMS' INFLUENCE STRIPPED AWAY THEIR MODESTY AS EASILY AS THE SURGEONS HAD TAKEN THEIR GARMENTS..."
"I COM-LINKED TO ONE OF MY SOLDIERS AND ORDERED THE FIRST OF THE CREATURES INTO THE ROOM, WHEN SUDDENLY..."
HOLD IT!
WAIT A MINUTE! COMING THROUGH!
YOU MUST TAKE ME FIRST! I'M A COUNCIL MEMBER! I WANT MY GEM FIRST!
WHAT ARE YOUR ORDERS, LU-TA? SHOULD I ADMIT THIS ONE AHEAD OF THE OTHERS?
YES! ADMIT HIM!
I RECALL NOW THAT RABBITS HAVE A PRIMAL NEED TO WIN RACES AND TO BE FIRST! THE GEMS' RAYS ARE WORKING ON HIM!

LU-TA SAYS TAKE THIS ONE NOW!
FLIK!
ALL RIGHT. JUST LET ME SHUT THE VIEW PLATE—CAN'T LET THE ANIMALS SEE THE OPERATION AND GET UPSET. IT'S EASIER IF THEY REMAIN CALM.
SAY, YOU'RE STILL DRESSED. YOU'LL HAVE TO REMOVE YOUR OUTFIT BEFORE I START.
MMMMMMMMMM
CERTAINLY. I WOULDN'T HAVE IT ANY OTHER WAY—MY WORKING CLOTHES ARE WHAT'S NEEDED HERE!
JUST HURRY IT UP! MANY OTHERS ARE WAITING! WHAT'S YOUR NAME, ANYWAY? I'D LIKE TO KNOW WHO LU-TA'S FIRST DONOR IS...
I'M SURE MY NAME WON'T MEAN MUCH TO ALIEN SOPHISTICATES LIKE YOURSELVES...
...BUT IT'S— THUNDERBUNNY!
NOW IT'S MY TURN FOR QUESTIONS. IS THAT YOUR ENTIRE SUPPLY OF GEMS?
WH—WHY YES! YOU'LL GET YOURS AFTER THE OPERATION. BUT—I ASKED YOU TO REMOVE YOUR CLOTHES, NOT CHANGE THEM. WHAT'S THE IDEA?
NO, NO. I SAID IT'S MY TURN TO ASK QUESTIONS!
NOW—WHERE ARE THE ESCAPE PODS FOR THIS SECTION?
MMMMM
ESCAPE...? MAKOY, YOUR LASER SCALPEL— KILL THE RABBIT!
URK!

AS YOU CAN SEE, YOU'D HAVE A HARD TIME OPERATING ON ME!
MMMMMMMMM
JUST AS I'D HAVE A HARD TIME CLEANING MY OUTFIT IF I LET YOU CONTINUE WITH THAT LASER.
THWAP
FZZT
CRASH
NOW— I WON'T ASK AGAIN~
WHERE...
ARE...
THE...
ESCAPE...
PODS?
THROUGHTHEACCESS DOORDOWNTHEHALL THIRDENTRYPORTON THELEFTALLRIGHT?
SKRUNK
THANKS. NOW IT'S TIME TO ELIMINATE THE MENACE OF THESE GEMS!
RRRRRAAAKKK
THE JEWELS— THEY DON'T AFFECT YOU!
WHAT KIND OF CREATURE ARE YOU?!
I'VE ALREADY TOLD YOU—I'M THUNDERBUNNY!

FOOM
YAAAH!
SKAAA! HE HAS THE ALGOL GEMS! STOP HIM!
NOW, LET'S SEE... DOWN THE HALL...
...THIRD ENTRY PORT ON THE LEFT! AH! THERE THEY ARE!
THAT'S RIGHT, LU-TA! THE RABBIT HAS THE GEMS AND HE CAN FLY! HE'S HEADED FOR THE ESCAPE PODS.
KA-THUNK
THE CARGO IS LOADED AND THE COORDINATES ARE SET~
THIS OVERRIDES THE SAFETY, AND THE POD IS ON ITS WAY!
SHHHHHHH
YOU CUR! WHERE ARE THE GEMS? SPEAK OR DIE!
ON THEIR WAY INTO THE SUN! AND SINCE YOU MENTION IT...

...YOU NEED TO BRUSH UP ON YOUR ANIMAL IDENTIFICATION. CURS ARE DOGS...
...I'M A RABBIT— AN ANGRY ONE!
BRAKOW
NO! WE CAN'T STOP HIM! OUR WEAPONS ARE USELESS! HE'S...
...HEADING FOR THE BRIDGE!
GAA-ZOT!
LU-TA!
I'M COMING FOR YOU!
RIGHT NOW!

I WANT FULLY ARMED GUN SOLDIERS IN THE CORRIDORS TO THE BRIDGE!
STOP THE RABBIT!
SPTANG
ACTIVATE MY PERSONAL LASER-KILL SECURITY SYSTEM ON THE TURBO LIFTS!
STOP THE RABBIT!
SPTANG SPTANG
READY THE DEADLY NOX-GAS AT THE BRIDGE ENTRY!
STOP...
STOP!
THE RABBIT!
SPTANG
LU-TA! WE WILL SPEAK NOW!
...HE'S HERE!
GREAT ZE-OTT!
SPTANG
MY WEAPON SPEAKS FOR ME! DIE, RABBIT!
FRIZZZ
ZAK
ZOT
ZAT
REALLY?
THEN WE'RE GOING TO HAVE A VERY PAINFUL CONVERSATION.

LATER, ON THE SHIP'S LANDING DECK, THE ANIMALS OF OFFORRER PREPARE TO RETURN HOME...
I'M SO ASHAMED! I CAN'T BELIEVE THE NEED I FELT FOR THOSE BLUE GEMS!
IT WAS A NEED NONE OF OUR PEOPLE COULD CONTROL. REST ASSURED, YOU'LL NEVER FEEL THAT AFFLICTION AGAIN!
BUT WON'T LU-TA ATTACK OFFORRER AFTER WE LEAVE? HE'S BOUND TO BE ANGRY.
HE'S ALREADY ANGRY, BUT HE WON'T BE ATTACKING ANYONE FOR QUITE SOME TIME...
IN FACT, HE'S PAYING FOR HIS MISTAKES RIGHT NOW. THANKS TO DOCTOR BAR-KO, LU-TA'S GOING TO NEED ALL HIS STOCK-IN-TRADE JUST TO SAVE HIS SHIP!
IN HIS CASE "ANGRY" IS AN UNDER-STATEMENT!
YES, RABBIT, I WAS MORE THAN ANGRY!
BEFORE YOU CAME ON BOARD BAR-KO TOLD YOU HOW TO INSTRUCT THE SHIP'S COMPUTER TO DESTROY ALL BUT THE MAJOR LIFE SUPPORT SYSTEMS!

IT TOOK NEARLY ALL OUR HIGH TECHNOLOGY GOODS TO REPLACE THE CHIPS AND PROGRAMMING YOU WIPED OUT!
IT WAS MONTHS BEFORE WE REACHED A PLANET COULD REPAIR OUR SYSTEMS. WE UNDERSTAND, I STILL DON'T KNOW THAT CURSED RABBIT AND WHERE WE NOW EXISTS ON THE PLANET EARTH!*
* SEE THUNDERBUNNY #1 FOR ANSWER
OH YES~
WASH
—I DO LOVE AN AMUSING STORY.
THERE'S ALWAYS SOMETHING NEW AND DIFFERENT IN THIS BOOK!
AH! HERE'S A STORY ABOUT HIGHER EDUCATION...
LESSONS!
IT'S THE START OF A NEW DAY AT WASHINGTON IRVING JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL AND BOBBY CASWELL HURRIES TO HIS LOCKER BEFORE FIRST PERIOD CLASS BEGINS.
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HEY! WHAT'S GOING ON, BROCK?!
JUST A COMPRESSION EXPERIMENT FOR SCIENCE CLASS, CASWELL!
I'M TRYING TO SEE IF KATO HERE CAN BE MADE TO FIT INSIDE HIS LOCKER.
UMPH-- HELP!
CLASS OF '87
COME ON! LET HIM OUT!
BACK OFF, CASWELL, UNLESS YOU WANT TO JOIN HIM!
FWUMP

IN FACT--
--I LIKE THAT IDEA --UNLESS YOU BUY ME OFF WITH THAT FANCY SCHOOL SWEATER YOU'RE WEARIN'.
NOT LIKELY!
Y'KNOW, I WAS HOPIN' YOU'D SAY THAT!
KTUFF
KPLANG
NOW I'LL JUST TAKE THAT SWEATER
OOF!
THUF
DON'T YOU MEAN "OFF"?
BASH
ZOK!
TROMP! TROMP! TROMP!
WUMP
MASH CRUNCH
STOMP

BRRRINNNGGG
YOU'RE LUCKY FIRST PERIOD BELL'S RINGING OR I'D BE TAKIN' THAT SWEATER RIGHT NOW!
I'VE GOT TOO MANY LATE SLIPS TO WASTE TIME HERE--ALREADY GOT TWICE THE DETENTION OF ANYBODY IN THE SCHOOL.
I FIGURE YOU'LL WANT TO GIVE IT TO ME BY THE END OF THE DAY ANYWAY.
SEE YA LATER, ONE-PUNCH!
BOY! TALK ABOUT BEING SAVED BY THE BELL! YOU OKAY, BOBBY?
I'M REALLY OVER THERE
I'VE BEEN BETTER...
WITH ONE CLAP OF MY HANDS I COULD TRASH BROCK EASILY.
BUT THEN--EVERYONE WOULD KNOW ABOUT THE RABBIT. I COULDN'T LIVE WITH THAT.
THANKS FOR THE ASSIST! I SUPPOSE ONE COULD SAY THAT BROCK HAS A DEEP-ROOTED HOSTILITY PROBLEM, FOSTERED BY A DEPRIVED ENVIRONMENT.
ON THE OTHER HAND...
ON THE OTHER HAND, HE COULD JUST BE A SON-OF-A
BRRRRINNNG
UNDOUBTEDLY SO. HOWEVER, LET'S MOVE IT--WE'RE ALREADY LATE FOR FIRST PERIOD!
YOU KNOW --THIS COULD BE A VERY LONG DAY...
THE STAR SPANGLED GIRL

AH, MR. CASWELL--MR. KATO. HOW NICE OF YOU TO JOIN US. IF YOU'LL PUT YOUR BOOKS IN YOUR DESKS, I CAN BEGIN TO PASS OUT THESE TESTS.
I'M SURE YOU'LL BOTH HAVE SUITABLE EXPLANATIONS FOR YOUR TARDINESS TO GIVE ME-- AFTER SCHOOL!
YES-- MR. COSGROVE.
YESSIR!
UNNH! WHAT?!
RATTLE
MR. CASWELL! I BELIEVE I SAID YOUR BOOKS ARE TO BE INSIDE YOUR DESK DURING THE TEST.
RATTLE RATTLE
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ERRR-- THE TOP SEEMS TO BE-- STUCK...
MAYBE IF CASWELL OPENED HIS DESK OCCASIONALLY AND GOT TO CLASS ON TIME, HE WOULDN'T BE IN THIS STICKY SITUATION.
HOW 'BOUT THAT, CASWELL?
I DON'T BELIEVE IT. THAT JERK ACTUALLY GLUED MY DESK SHUT --AND MR. COSGROVE'S MAKING ME FIX IT!
BUMMER!
CASWELL! OH, CASWELL!

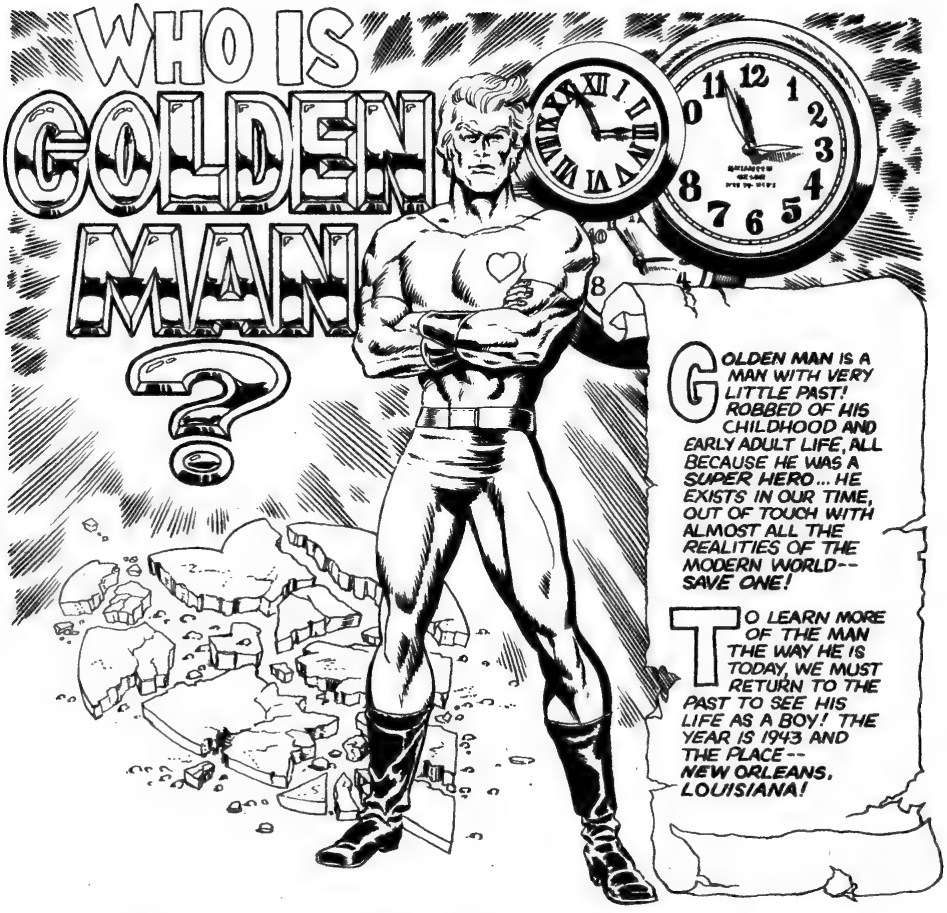
WHAT IS IT, SHELDON?
MY PAL BROCK SAYS HE'LL SEE YOU AFTER LAST PERIOD GYM CLASS--
--AND YOU'D BETTER HAVE HIS SWEATER READY.
OH YEAH, SHELDON? YOU TELL YOUR "PAL" IF HE CAN FIND HIS WAY TO THE GYM AFTER CUTTING CLASS SO OFTEN, THAT I'LL BE THERE WAITING FOR HIM!
AWESOME, BOBBY-- ARE YOU AND BROCK GOING TO PUNCH IT OUT?
BUT--
WOW! WE'LL BE THERE-- WITH ALL OUR FRIENDS!
BUT, I...
BUT--
WE'LL ALL SEE YOU LATER, BOBBY.
YEAH, BOB-BEE!
BUT--
THIS DAY IS NOT GOING WELL.
WELL, WHAT'S OUR NEXT MOVE CHIEF?
WHAT DO YOU MEAN OUR? BROCK'S BEEF IS WITH ME!
NOT SO! HE WOULDN'T BE COMING DOWN ON YOU IF NOT FOR ME. I STAND READY TO HELP YOU--
LET'S GET A BASEBALL BAT AND BREAK HIS KNEECAPS!
TICKETS
THANKS ANYWAY. BUT MY ANGER GOT ME INTO THIS-- AND SINCE OUT-FIGHTING BROCK SEEMS OUT OF THE QUESTION, LET'S SEE IF I CAN'T OUT-THINK HIM!

PHEW!
I WISH THEY'D FINISH PAINTING IN HERE-- IT SMELLS WORSE THEN THREE-DAY-OLD SOCKS.
CLASS IS OVER--BROCK'LL BE HERE SOON. ANY IDEAS?
NOT REALLY. ER, WELL MAYBE.

I HOPE YOUR "MAYBE" WORKS OUT...
..BECAUSE HERE COMES BROCK AND HIS ENTOURAGE.
HEY, CASWELL, YOU GOT MY SWEATER READY?
NOPE!
OH, I THINK YOU DO, DINK! YOU SHOULD HAVE ZIPPED YOUR GYM BAG...

HOW ABOUT THAT -- IT'S MY SWEATER!
HEY! LEAVE IT BE!
GET SERIOUS, CASWELL. YOU'RE TOO YELLOW TO FIGHT ME FOR IT--IN FACT, ONLY A GEEK LIKE YOU WOULD WEAR A SCHOOL SWEATER!
AND SINCE ONLY GEEKS WEAR THESE THINGS, I DON'T WANT IT ANY MORE.
STILL, I THINK IT'S THE WRONG COLOR!

NOW THIS IS BETTER--CHICKEN YELLOW!
GEE, BOBBY, I'M SORRY YOUR PLAN BACKFIRED. YOUR POOR SWEATER!
BUT IT DID WORK--IT'S NOT MY SWEATER. IT'S HIS!
STAN TODD'S?
T.N.T. TODD?
OH MERCY!!
BROCK! YOU DO HAVE A DEATH WISH! DUNKING MY SWEATER IN A CAN OF PAINT! WE'D BETTER TALK ABOUT YOUR INSENSITIVITY...!
Y-Y-Y-YOUR SWEATER?
I KNEW STAN LEE HAD A SWEATER JUST LIKE MINE! AND I THOUGHT IF I COULD GET IN HIS GYM LOCKER SO I COULD SWIPE THAT SWEATER, I'D HAVE GOT IT BACK TO HIS GYM LOCKER SO NOBODY WOULD THINK I'D BEEN THERE! BUT I JUST LOOKED AT HIS BAG AND DECIDED TO DO SOMETHING DUMB!
AND HA! AND DID HE EVER DO IT, BOBBY. YOU MUST CARRY A LUCKY RABBIT'S FOOT WITH YOU...
OH YES--THAT YOUNGSTER CERTAINLY MUST HAVE A RABBIT'S FOOT! QUITE UNLIKE THE GENTLEMAN IN THE NEXT STORY...
STAN--IT'S ALL A MISTAKE! YOU'VE GOT TO BELIEVE ME!!



GOLDEN MAN IS A MAN WITH VERY LITTLE PAST! ROBBED OF HIS CHILDHOOD AND EARLY ADULT LIFE, ALL BECAUSE HE WAS A SUPER HERO... HE EXISTS IN OUR TIME, OUT OF TOUCH WITH ALMOST ALL THE REALITIES OF THE MODERN WORLD-- SAVE ONE!

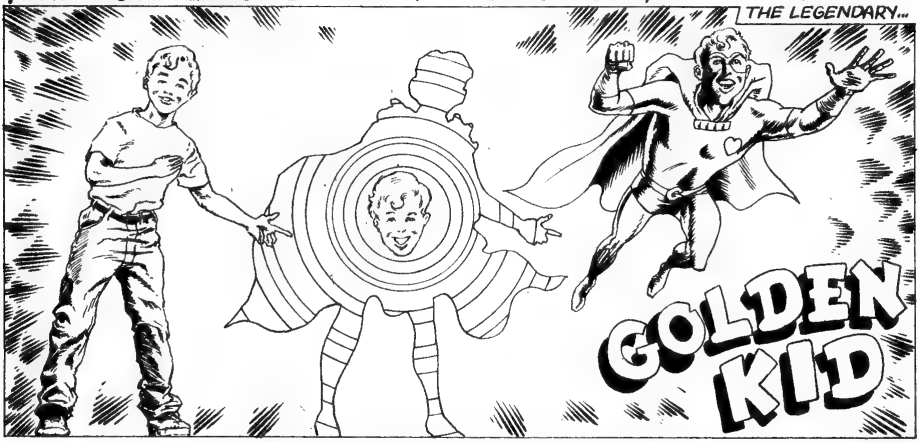
TO LEARN MORE OF THE MAN THE WAY HE IS TODAY, WE MUST RETURN TO THE PAST TO SEE HIS LIFE AS A BOY! THE YEAR IS 1943 AND THE PLACE-- NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA!

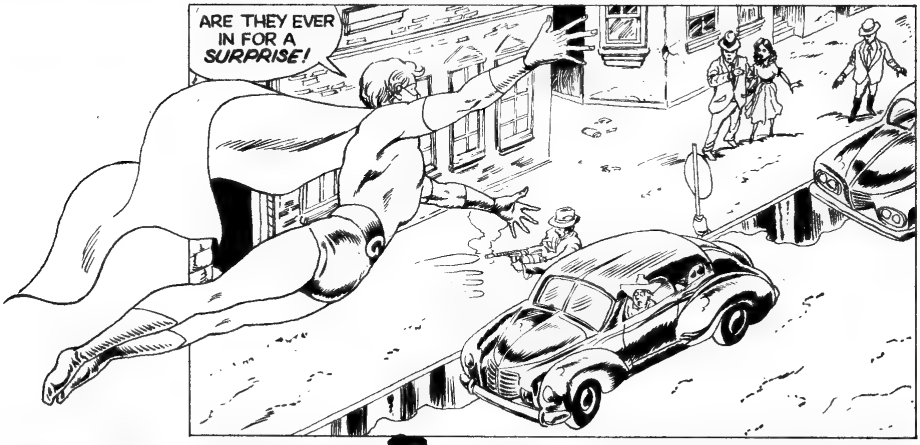
STANDING OUTSIDE HIS GRANDFATHER'S ANTIQUE SHOP IS YOUNG TOM PRESTIN! THERE IS MORE TO THIS LAD THAN MEETS THE EYE, FOR HE IS THE POSSESSOR OF AN ANCIENT AZTEC TREASURE...

...THE GOLDEN HEART TALISMAN!

WHAT IS A GOLDEN HEART TALISMAN, YOU ASK?! WE'RE ABOUT TO SEE, IT SEEMS, FOR THE CITY'S BANK IS BEING ROBBED!

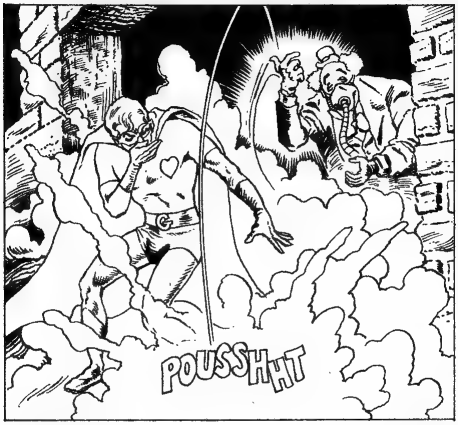
TOM TOUCHES THE HEART-SHAPED TALISMAN, WORN UNDER HIS SHIRT, AND IS TRANSFORMED INTO THE LEGENDARY...



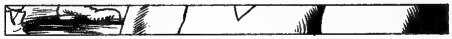


AS QUICKLY AS IT BEGAN, THE VIOLENCE IS OVER AND LAW AND ORDER IS RESTORED!

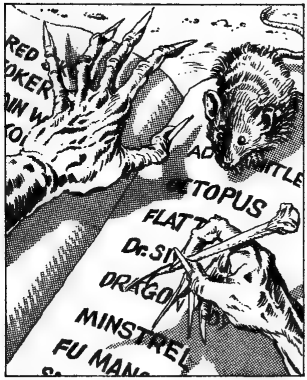
THEN, ONE FATEFUL DAY, THIS GOLDEN FORCE FOR LAW AND ORDER WAS **ELIMINATED!**

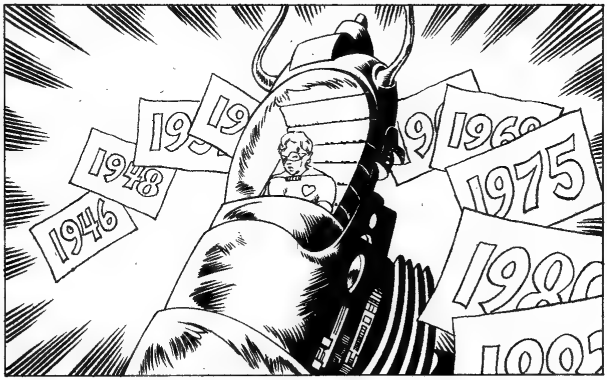


FEARING **RETRIBUTION** BY OTHER HEROES IF **GOLDEN KID** IS KILLED... THE BOY IS TURNED OVER TO A MAN KNOWN ONLY AS **THE KEEPER!**



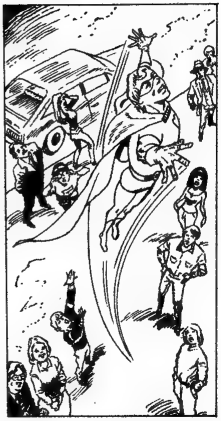
THE KEEPER PROVIDED A **SERVICE** WHEREBY A CRIMINAL COULD PAY TO HAVE A HERO PLACED IN **SUSPENDED ANIMATION** FOR A SPECIFIC TIME! AFTER THAT TIME HAD PASSED, AND IF NO FURTHER PAYMENT WAS MADE, THE HERO WOULD BE **RELEASED!**





AND SO IT WAS, SOME 37 YEARS LATER, **TOM PRESTIN** FOUND HIMSELF WALKING THE STREETS OF BOSTON MASSACHUSETTS!

EVEN THOUGH **TIMES HAD CHANGED**, TOM FOUND NEED TO BECOME A SUPER HERO..



...AND **ONCE MORE HE ANSWERED THE CALL!**

HOWEVER, THESE WERE NOT THE SAME CRIMINALS AND WEAPONS HE FOUGHT IN THE 1940'S!

THESE CRIMINALS POSSESSED A DEVICE UNKNOWN TO HIM...

SSSS SSS SSS

...A LASER GUN!

THE BEAM STRUCK HIM IN THE HEART ...HIS GOLDEN HEART... DESTROYING IT! AS HE FELL TO EARTH, HE BEGAN TO AGE! THE CAPSULE THAT HAD HELD HIM PRISONER WASN'T PERFECTED! ONLY HIS MAGIC HEART HAD KEPT HIM FROM THE RAVAGES OF TIME!

HIS POWER GONE, HE ATTEMPTED TO RISE AND SURELY HE WOULD HAVE DIED...

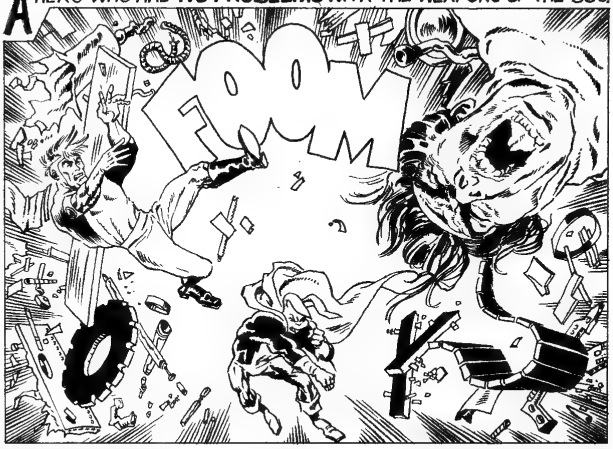
JOHN D HYNES

GEM SHOW TODAY

...IF NOT FOR ANOTHER HERO WHO SAW HIS PERIL!

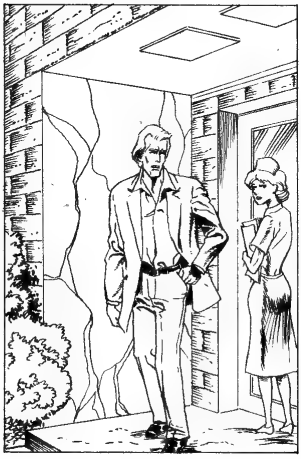
SSSSSS

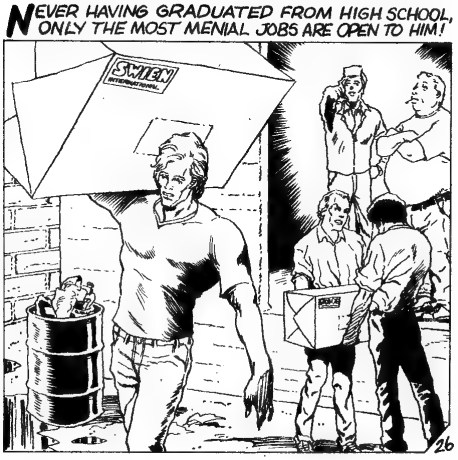
ZAP



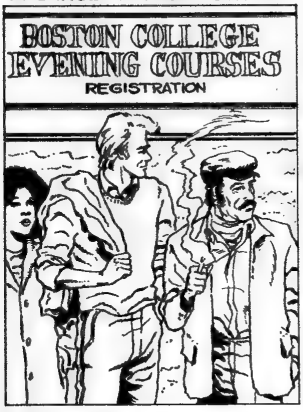
TIME PASSES, WOUNDS HEAL, AND AT LAST TOM PRESTIN LEAVES THE HOSPITAL!

HE IS SOON TO LEARN JUST HOW ILL-PREPARED HE IS FOR THE NEW WORLD AROUND HIM!





BUT EVEN MENIAL WORK PAYS OFF AND SOON TOM IS ABLE TO ENROLL IN NIGHT SCHOOL!



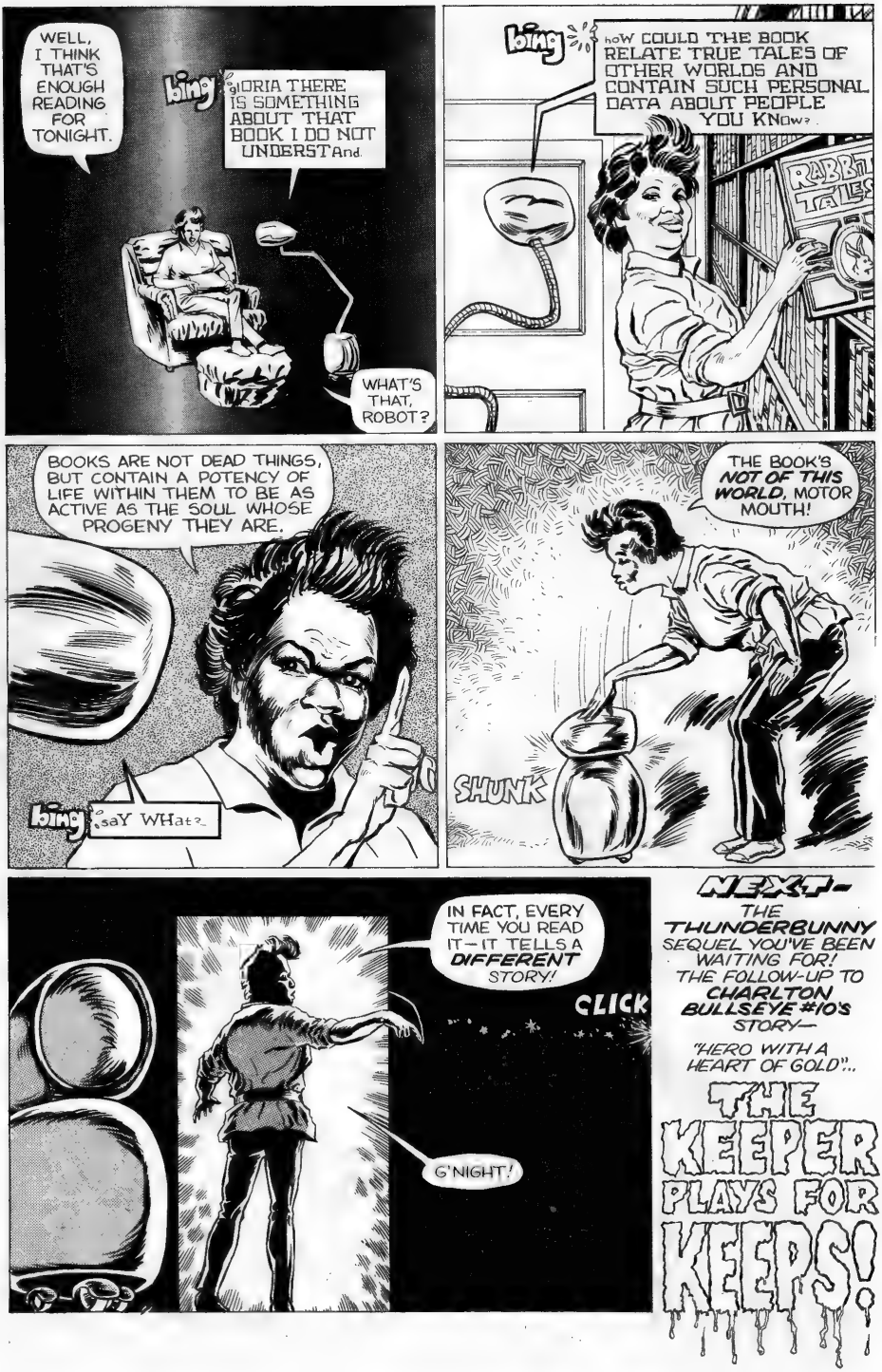
IT IS HERE HE FINDS HIS TRUE VOCATION... COMPUTERS!

NEVER WAS ANYONE MORE SUITED TO COMPUTER TECHNOLOGY! IN A MATTER OF MONTHS TOM IS INSTRUCTING HIS INSTRUCTORS!

ALTHOUGH HIS MAGIC TALISMAN HAS BEEN DESTROYED, PART OF ITS MAGIC LIVES ON! HE NOW POSSESSED A STRENGTH AND STAMINA FAR BEYOND A NORMAL MAN'S!
ONCE AGAIN HE WILL SEARCH FOR HIS FROZEN COMRADES... BUT NO LONGER AS GOLDEN KID, FOR NOW HE IS...
GOLDEN MAN

BECAUSE OF A PROMISE REMEMBERED, GOLDEN MAN IS JOINED ON THIS SEARCH BY THUNDERBUNNY!

—A TALE TO BE RELATED IN OUR NEXT ISSUE!


WELL, I THINK THAT'S ENOUGH READING FOR TONIGHT.
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GLORIA THERE IS SOMETHING ABOUT THAT BOOK I DO NOT UNDERSTAnd.
WHAT'S THAT, ROBOT?
boing
HOW COULD THE BOOK RELATE TRUE TALES OF OTHER WORLDS AND CONTAIN SUCH PERSONAL DATA ABOUT PEOPLE YOU KNOw?
BOOKS ARE NOT DEAD THINGS, BUT CONTAIN A POTENCY OF LIFE WITHIN THEM TO BE AS ACTIVE AS THE SOUL WHOSE PROGENY THEY ARE.
boing
SAY WHAT?
THE BOOK'S NOT OF THIS WORLD, MOTOR MOUTH!
SHUNK
IN FACT, EVERY TIME YOU READ IT—IT TELLS A DIFFERENT STORY!
CLICK
G'NIGHT!
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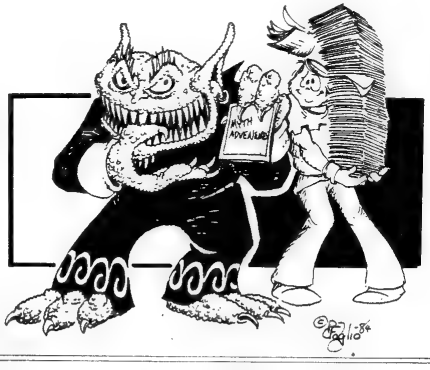

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24 Carrot Comments

Congratulations on finally getting the rabbit back into print. I hope Mr. Greim, Mr. Buniak, and WaRP continue to produce for a long time. I have a special fondness in my heart for ***Thunderbunny*** and its cast of characters because *Charlton Bullseye* #10 was the first comic book I ever bought.

I've been following the series as well as I could since then and I'm glad you printed that list of Bobby's appearances. I've enjoyed Mr. Griem's writing and Mr. Buniak's drawings (especially the little cameo appearances by certain fictional and non-fictional people). Both have a fondness for the characters that comes out, and even a fairly dramatic issue like this first WaRPed one shows it. In fact, you probably wouldn't have tried a dramatic issue unless you felt the reality of the characters, and they seem more real to me because of it.

Michael Payne
Balboa CA

I would like to comment on your fine new comic, ***Thunderbunny***. I enjoyed it far more than I expected to. I must admit that originally (and still to a large extent) I did not care for the serious story and artistic treatment. I'd like to see something of a tone more comparable to that of the 1940's Captain Marvel. Particularly since Cap himself, in recent years, has seldom been so treated.

However, it is good to be able to have a sort of Captain Marvel-like character whom one can take in directions inappropriate for the Big Red Cheese himself, and Thunderbunny is such a character. A storyline like that of ***TB*** #1 would have been quite incongruous for Captain Marvel, yet fits fine here.

My favorite was page 15, with all the Biblical quotations; I loved the way they were worked into the theme of the story. A few years ago I joined the Quaker church; historically Quakers have opposed killing and war. Thus, to see the value of preserving life, even of one's enemies, is quite heartwarming to me. Bobby's closing affirmation of his values and the people from whom he had learned them was great. I wish there were more comics like this.

I have to confess that I am not a great fan of Brian Buniak's art, especially the way he draws Thunderbunny. I much preferred the early approach. Thunderbunny is rather visually unappealing, even kind of ugly. I'd rather see our hero looking more like he did originally. But Brian's art isn't bad — I just don't care for the way he draws the bunny.

John G. Pierce
no address

*The difference between **Thunderbunny** and every other "funny animal" comic book is that **Thunderbunny** isn't a funny animal comic book. The rabbit looks like a rabbit, which is just how Marty wants it.*

Hurray! Ol' Thunder-buns is back! What? Oh, I mean Thunder-bunting. Wonder Bunny — Wonder Bread — Thunderhead — Dunder (*Bonk*!) Ouch! Thanks, I needed that.

If anything, Brian's art keeps getting better, as does Marty's writing. ***WaRP-Bunny*** #1 has not only one of the more involved and entertaining stories that I've read, but it has the best resolution I've seen in a long time. In one fell swoop, you have Bobby shocked out of his revenge-thirst; at the same time he realizes he's not human any more — he's alien — and he was going to kill someone because *it* was alien. Thunderful!

Now if we can only do something about the bloodthirsty writer. Yeah, you, Marty! You have this thing about biting the hand that feeds you. I can understand your dissatisfaction with how Archie Comics handled ***TB*** leading you to discorporate their flagship characters, but why are you already throttling your new publisher? At least let him do you wrong first, which he's probably more inclined to do now. And that crack about elves and swap meets — grrr! May Winnowill decide you look better as a zwoot doe in the middle of mating season!

David Alan Wright
New Britain CT

Publisher here. Relax. I'm getting used to being throttled by the big bunny, having already received a trouncing during my unsuccessful bid to eliminate all the "have it our way" fast-burger restaurants in the Northeast. (See Charlton Bullseye *#10.)*

Now that ***Thunderbunny*** seems to have broken its "two issue" curse (we have two consecutive issues in one year from the same publisher), I guess you can say the Big Pink Cheese (Carrot?) has finally hit the big time, and I couldn't be happier.

Issue #2 contained a story that reminded me of all the great old comics I read as a kid. It featured a great costumed villain (Dr. Fog is due for both another appearance *and* an origin story), a totally unlikely story (how do you fence a "priceless" book? It reminds me of all those Batman/Joker stories where the Joker was stealing a gold bust of Groucho Marx or a jeweled dagger, or something else that would be darn near impossible to convert into ready cash), and some terrific visual humor (page 4, panel 3; or Thunderbunny with a copy of *Watership Down* on page 24; or the top panel on page 28).

That's it for now — lettuce hope you continue to enjoy our Leapin' Lapin — and write!

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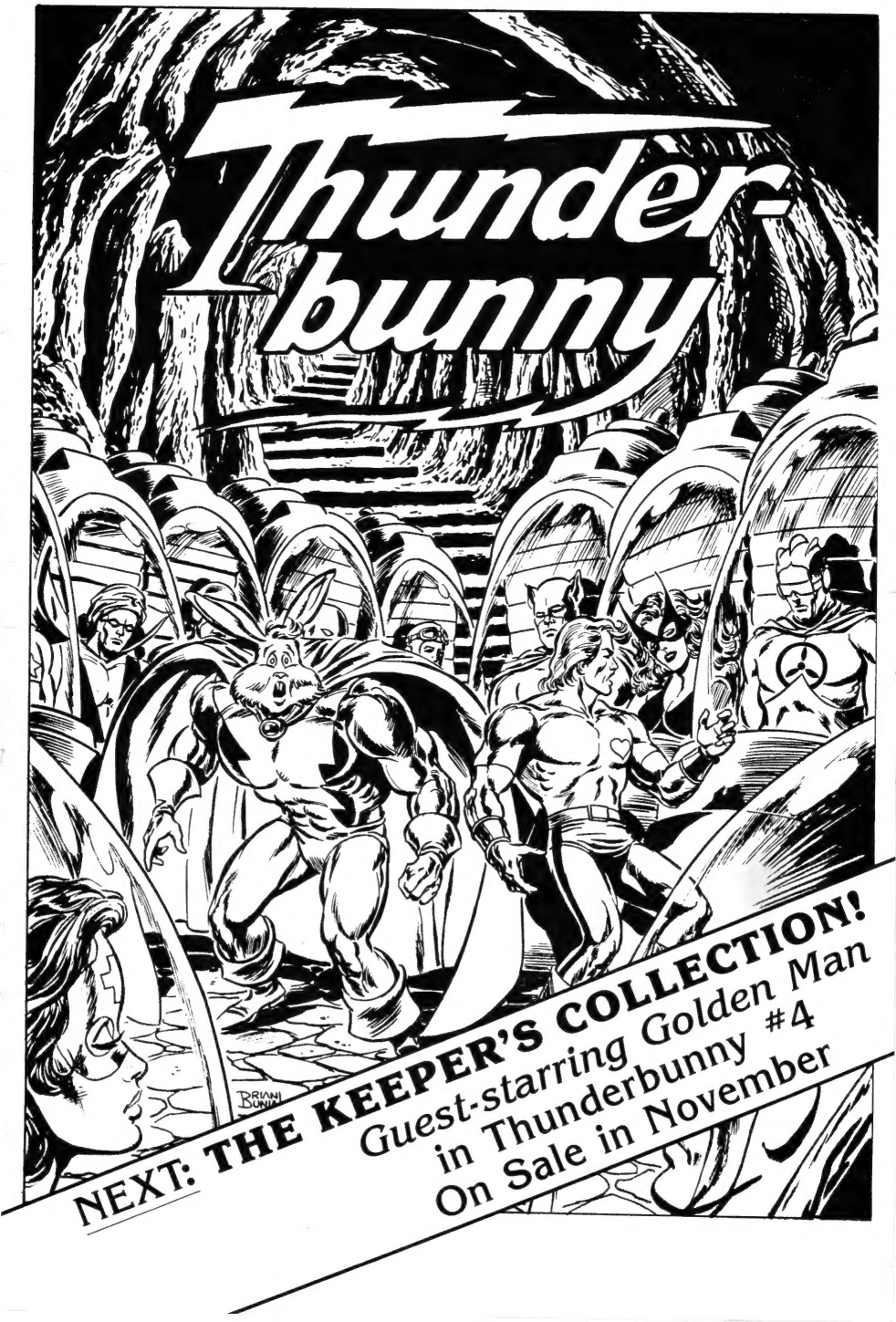
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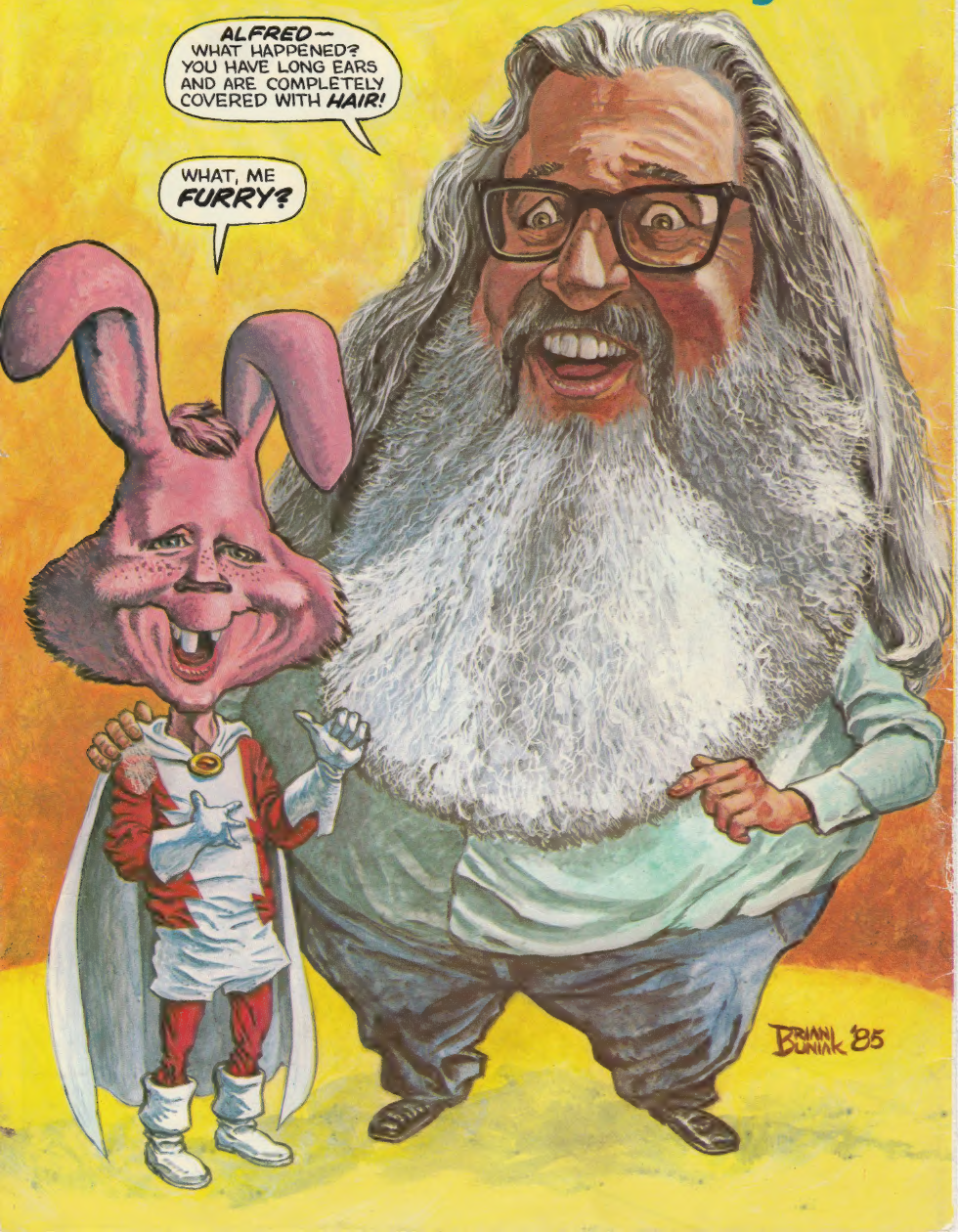
What if someone else received the power of Thunderbunny?